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LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in the State of Andhra Pradesh have since been connected with approach roads; and

(b) if not, the number of villages left-out and the time by which those are likely to be covered?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network with a population of 500 persons and above (Census2001) in Plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States' (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Planning Commission) the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). For most intensive Integrated Action Plan (IAP) blocks as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the unconnected habitations with population 100 and above (as per 2001 Census) are eligible to be covered under PMGSY.

The unit for implementation of PMGSY is a habitation and not a revenue village or a panchayat. The implementation of the programme is the responsibility of the State Governments and works are executed through State Rural Roads Development Agencies (SRRDAs) at the State level and Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) at the district level. The undivided State of Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned its full entitlement under PMGSY & PMGSY-II. Since the inception of PMGSY, the Ministry of Rural Development has cleared proposals for connecting 1,947 habitations in the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh; out of which 1,573 habitations have been connected, as reported by the State (upto January, 2015).